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SUBJ: NAC CONSULTATION ON SALT

1. AMBASSADOR CATALANO (ITALY) CALLED ON AMBASSADOR BRUCE TO INQUIRE WHETHER U.S. FORESAW POSSIBILITY OF NAC SALT CONSULTATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. CATALANO WAS ADVISED THAT U.S. MISSION RECENTLY HAD CIRCULATED A LETTER TO SYG AND PERMREPS (APRIL 4) SUMMARIZING THE STATUS OF THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT WE DID NOT BELIEVE SUFFICIENT NEW DEVELOPMENTS HAD OCCURRED TO WARRANT BRIEFING COUNCIL AT THIS TIME.

2. CATALANO SAID THAT THE PETRIGINI SALT GROUP HAD RECENTLY MET UNDER ITALIAN CHAIRMANSHIP. HE SAID NOTING NEW OR REVOLUTIONARY HAD RESULTED FROM THE MEETING, ALTHOUGH THE ALLIES INVOLVED HAD ARRIVED AT CERTAIN IDEAS. CATALANO SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE NATO SECRETARIAT TO SET UP A SALT CONSULTATION IN THE COUNCIL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE MENTIONED MAY 9 OR AT A TIME AROUND THEN WHICH WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THEY DESIRED TO HAVE EXPERTS PRESENT ALSO FOR DISCUSSIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNCIL MEETING. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE MISSION BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 29 THE COMMENTS THAT HE WOULD PLAN TO MAKE TO THE COUNCIL IF A SALT CONSULTATION IS SCHEDULED AND WOULD DEFER REQUESTING A COUNCIL MEETING UNTIL HE HEARS FURTHER FROM U.S. DELEGATION.

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3. COMMENT: REQUEST WASHINGTON AND GENEVA VIEWS ON A NAC/SALT CONSULTATION AROUND THE TIME PROPOSED BY CATALANO. SINCE CATALANO EXPRESSED A SENSE OF URGENCY IN HOLDING THIS CONSULTATION, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE

TIME. WHEN MISSION RECEIVES CATALANO'S PROPOSED SPEAKING NOTES
WE WILL SEND THEM. BRUCE

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